

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt, comprising:

- a. cooked pureed vegetables;
- b. plain yogurt comprising active cultures of *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus reuteri* and *Bifidobacterium bifidum*;
- c. natural additives to enhance flavor and taste;
- d. said cooked pureed vegetables, said plain yogurt with active cultures and said additives blended to form a homogeneous, uniform mixture of ready to eat vegetable yogurt, and said cooked pureed vegetables being present in an amount ranging from 30 to 70 percent by weight;
- e. said ready to eat vegetable yogurt stored at refrigeration temperatures until consumed;

whereby said cooked pureed vegetables remain unfermented when the vegetable yogurt is stored at refrigeration temperature.

Claim 2 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables are formed by individually cooking, cooling and mixing of several vegetables and pureeing together to form a smooth mixture.

Claim 3 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables comprise one or more of carrots, peas, beets, corn, cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes, green beans, zucchini, tomatoes, yams and squash.

Claim 4 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said yogurt is based on soy proteins.

Claim 5 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said yogurt is based on milk proteins.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said additive for enhancing flavor is a fresh herb[;].

Claim 7 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said additive for enhancing taste is sugar (or other sweeteners).

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables range from 40 to 60 percent by weight.

Claim 10 (original): A ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited by claim 1 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables range from 48 to 53 percent by weight.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt comprising steps of

- a. cooking selected vegetables one at a time or together depending on the vegetable type;
- b. cooling the said cooked vegetables so as to prevent overcooking and preserve freshness and taste;
- c. mixing said cooked cooled vegetables to form a mixture;
- d. pureeing said mixture to form a smooth textured mixture;
- e. adding said smooth mixture of cooked cooled pureed vegetables to yogurt with active cultures to form a cold yogurt mixture wherein said cooked pureed vegetables are present in an amount ranging from 30 to 70 percent by weight;
- f. adding natural additives that enhance taste and flavor;
- g. blending the said cold yogurt mixture to produce a homogenous uniform mixture of ready to eat vegetable yogurt;
- h. maintaining said ready to eat vegetable yogurt at refrigeration temperature until consumed so as to preserve the freshness and taste of cooked cooled pureed vegetables and to prevent fermentation thereof by the active cultures of said yogurt.

Claim 12 (original): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited in claim 11 wherein said yogurt is soy based.

Claim 13 (original): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited in claim 11 wherein said yogurt is milk based.

Claim 14 (original): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited in claim 11 wherein said vegetable used is selected from one of or combinations of a fresh vegetable, a canned vegetable or a frozen vegetable.

Claim 15 (original): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited in claim 11 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables comprise one or more of carrots, peas, green beans, corn, beets, cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes, zucchini, tomatoes, yams and squash.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (original): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited in claim 11 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables range from 40 to 60 percent by weight.

Claim 18 (original): A process for manufacturing ready to eat vegetable yogurt as recited in claim 11 wherein said cooked pureed vegetables range from 48 to 53 percent by weight.